Update of the NAEFS NCEP-MSC RDI plan

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Context

- The NAEFS work between MSC and NCEP is oriented by a joint research, development and implementation (RDI) plan
- Current plan document is out-of-date
 - Original intent was for the plan to be updated yearly
 - Frequent exchanges between centers have been used to coordinate
- Our goal over the next few months is to update the document to reflect the current state of NAEFS and address upcoming issues in a comprehensive way

What is in the current plan

- Current plan covers four areas
 - Data Exchange
 - Post-Processing (bias removal before merging ensembles)
 - Product Development
 - Verification
- Plan concentrates on exchanges between NCEP and MSC

Current shortcomings

- Current plan is a joint effort of NCEP and MSC
 - No mention of FNMOC, NUOPC
- Covers Research, Development and Implementation
 - Predates operational implementation so contains very little guidance on maintenance and support issues

Current shortcomings

- Data use by other users
 - Improve usability of outputs by Mexico
 - General data use by other users
- New products and modelling systems
 - Regional ensembles (NAEFS-LAM)
 - Wave ensembles
 - Expand list of available products
 - Links with TIGGE

Comments, suggestions

At this time, we would like to open the floor for questions, comments and suggestions on what the NAEFS technical plan should contain for the next 1-3 years?